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MEMORANDUM FOR:



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FROM: Charles E. Allen  
National Intelligence Officer for Counterterrorism and  
Narcotics

SUBJECT: Maritime Port Security

The attached MFR is for you information.

The working group mentioned in the attached had its first meeting 5/November. [ ] attended for me and reports that the working group's chairman, Phil Hazeltine, DoT's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, requested that the Intelligence Community take a look at cruise ship ports in the Eastern Med, or at European ports from which cruise ships depart enroute the Eastern Med. [ ] advised the group that, while the Community may be able to provide data on port facilities and layout, we cannot offer reliable, timely warning of terrorist use of those ports. [ ] also offered that his preliminary inquiry into this matter indicated that security measures in European and Mediterranean ports are practically non-existent. The working group accepted that, but asked that the Intelligence Community take a look at selected ports (fewer than 20) in the categories described above, to demonstrate what might be done.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Maritime Security

1. At 1000 hours on 28 October I attended a meeting chaired by Ambassador Oakley on the subject of maritime security. The meeting was prompted by concerns expressed by Representative Dante Fascell, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, regarding the security of foreign ports. (Ambassador Oakley emphasized that the Chairman's concerns did not extend to domestic ports.) Chairman Fascell wants the US to establish "advisory" port security standards and an appropriate warning system. The meeting was intended to discuss ways in which those objectives could be met.

2. After some discussion, two approaches were selected. The first, multilateral in nature, entails the US delegation to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) meeting to be held in London next month, presenting an initiative which would establish international port security standards. It will be coordinated with like-minded countries prior to the meeting and presented by the Commandant of the Coast Guard who will head the US delegation. The approach will be low key and expectations of its success are limited.

3. The second approach, a unilateral initiative, will convene a working group to address this problem. It will include representatives from the Intelligence Community, the Maritime Administration, Customs, Navy, Coast Guard and the FBI. It is to be chaired by Phil Haseltine, Assistant Secretary for Policy, DOT. The NIO/CT is to serve as Intelligence Community representative on this group. The Intelligence Community will be expected to provide: (1) an assessment of threats to various ports. This can be impressionistic, expressed in bands such as high, medium, or low threats, and (2) data regarding port lay out and physical facilities that can be used to assess the port's physical security.

4. Suspense for the initial report is mid-January. Ambassador Oakley will initiate a tasking memo for the various elements involved. I have alerted DIA and Navy to expect formal tasking.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 28, 1985

MEMORANDUM

TO: Participants at Maritime Security Meeting

FROM: Robert B. Oakley  
Chairman, Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism

SUBJECT: Results of Meeting on Maritime Security,  
October 28

At today's meeting, it was agreed that we would set up a Working Group to 1) assess the vulnerabilities of ports and shipping to terrorist threat, domestically and internationally and 2) review the various recommendations to improve port security.

The Working Group will be chaired by Phil Hazeltine, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Transportation. Other members:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Bureau</u>	<u>Name</u>
Transportation	MARAD	Garrett Brown
	Coast Guard	Como. Peter T. Rots
CIA	NIO/CT	Charles Allen
Justice	FBI	Robert Heibel
State	Economic	Jeff Shane
	M/CTP	RobertB. Bentley
Treasury	Customs	John Hurley

The Department of Transportation agreed also to invite the Navy and possibly the FAA to participate in the Working Group.

The first task of the Working Group would be ~~for the CIA~~ to provide an assessment of security at ports around the world.

The Working Group would also identify any gaps in existing regulations or legislation and suggest ways in which these deficiencies might be corrected.

The Working Group report would be ready by mid-January, in time to be the basis for U.S. participation in the IMO meeting of the Committee on Maritime Security at the end of January.

With respect to the IMO Assembly next month, it was agreed that Dave Schiele of IO would prepare a cable advising selected countries of the points we wish to raise. It was decided that the U.S. would press the IMO to issue more precise international standards on port security.

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